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In the interim, a Bentley was parked at the intersection across the alley. Owen Atkinson stopped the car and saw what happened between Elsie and Christopher, but he was uncertain. "Mr. Gardner, is that Madam at the front?"

Charlie, who was in the back seat, had witnessed everything as well, and the former's question caused him to snort with a livid expression. "What Madam? There exist no such a person for a long time."

Noticing that he was in a bad mood, Owen didn't dare to utter another word. He immediately got out of the car before opening the door for Charlie.

Meanwhile, Charlie was in a trance as he gazed at the alley in front of him. Then, Owen's voice sounded from behind. "The contract has been signed, and someone has gone through the matters regarding the demolition. The approval letter is expected to arrive in a week's time."

"A week?" Charlie murmured, "That's so soon."

Owen looked at him strangely. "Isn't that a good thing? Why do you look unhappy?"

For a while, Charlie stood at the entrance of the alley that led to Elsie's apartment and watched the building silently. After that, he strolled into a bistro located nearby. The bistro owner greeted him warmly as soon as he saw them coming in, "Welcome, sir. What would you like to have?"

"Pasta," Charlie answered curtly.

With a hum of acknowledgement, the owner went to prepare his food. On the other hand, Owen stared at him with a peculiar look as he wondered, "Didn't he just have his dinner? Why is he eating pasta here?"

Soon, the food was served. It was the store's signature arrabbiatapasta. Charlie picked up the fork started eating. The spiciness made him stick out his tongue, and then an image appeared before his eyes. Sitting next to a street

stall under the summer heat, a woman in plain clothes had her long hair tied in a high ponytail while she was very focused on eating.

Due to the hot weather and the spicyarrabiata pasta she was having, her forehead was covered with a layer of sweat. She paused and wiped her sweat with a napkin, then only continued to wolf down her delicious meal.

Having been used to the elegant manner of the women around him, Charlie's attention was instantly attracted by her uniqueness at first glance.

Thus, he stopped the car and opted to watch her until she finished eating and got up to leave.

The second time he saw her was at University A. At that time, he was attending a reunion party and had happened to spot her in the allee.

Just like during his first encounter with her, she was dressed in ordinary plain clothes, her hair styled in a high ponytail. At the same time, her beautiful face allured countless people's attention.

He'd heard someone asking about her, and a professor had answered that she was Joel's girlfriend, Elsie Lawson.

It turned out that the popular belle was taken, disappointing all the boys while stirring jealousy among the girls. After all, Joel was the eldest son of the well-known Graham family. His family's business spanned across the country and even abroad, hence one could only imagine how lavish his life was.

Furthermore, Joel was not the typical spoiled rich boy. Not only was he young and handsome but also knowledgeable and low-key. If he hadn't donated all the profits of the company he founded to a disaster area, no one would have known his true identity.

After he was interviewed once for his charity, dozens of media companies in City A began reporting news about him, which subsequently revealed his status to the metropolitans. When everyone learned that the good-looking gentleman they had known all this while was the future successor of the Graham family, they were all shocked.

"No wonder it is said that rich people are stingy. Joel is loaded, yet he lets his girlfriend dress like that." Someone had snorted disdainfully.

Meanwhile, Charlie had looked at her with some sympathy. He'd heard from his mother that Joel had fallen in love with a girl who worked as a waitress in a restaurant. Inevitably, no one in the noble Graham family had agreed to let them be together, and they even forced the two to break up.

The first time Charlie heard of this, he had been puzzled. Knowing that Joel was a reliable and sensible person, he couldn't help wondering what was so special about that ordinary girl that could make the lad fall for her. At last, he had finally figured out that the girl was Elsie.